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MCC verifies 2002, 2025 electoral rolls

2-day voter list mapping drive begins ahead of Special Intensive Revision

Booth-Level Officers (BLOs) at St. Mary's School on Ramanuja Road in city this morning.

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (BLU&DM)- Following directions from the Election Commission of India (ECI), the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) today began a two-day verification and mapping drive to compare the 2002 electoral rolls with the 2025 electoral rolls in the city.

The exercise is being conducted ahead of the forthcoming Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the State, which was last held in 2002.

As per ECI directions, mapping of voters and verification of progeny in the 18-40 age group must be completed.

Accordingly, MCC has launched the drive, during which voters are required to visit their respective polling booths and meet the Booth-Level Officer (BLO) for mapping.

Voters are required to produce documents such as their Voter ID card and details, including the Assembly segment, polling booth and part number as recorded in the 2002 electoral rolls, according to a press release.

The two-day voter list mapping drive will conclude at 5 pm tomorrow (Dec. 14).

The exercise is aimed at ensuring the smooth conduct of the forthcoming SIR, which is expected to commence in the State shortly.

There are 2,915 polling booths in the city and district, with a BLO posted at each booth.

(See MCC on page 9)

Only a handful of voters turn up at polling booths

With the two-day drive already underway, only a handful of voters whose names figure in the 2002 electoral rolls are said to have visited their respective polling booths to take part in the mapping process. The poor response has been attributed to inadequate publicity, with MCC authorities notifying the drive just a day in advance, on Dec. 12.

As a result, many voters were left confused about the purpose of the exercise. While a few voters who came to know of the drive at the last minute visited their polling booths, the majority of polling booths across the city and district reported zero voter turnout till noon today. This, officials said, was largely due to the absence of a proper awareness campaign by the authorities.

Grand procession marks Hanuma Jayanti

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (MTY&VNS)- Hundreds of devotees and members of various pro-Hindu organisations, wearing saffron shawls and carrying Bhagavad Dhwaja, took out a grand procession organised by the Mysuru Hanumantothsava Samithi as part of Hanuma Jayanti celebrations in the city this morning.

The procession, featuring idols of Lord Rama, Lord Hanuman and Lord Shiva, began from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple.

(See HANUMA on page 9)

Man gets life term for killing wife

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (BCT)- The Fourth Additional District and Sessions Court in Mysuru has sentenced one Rajesh, a resident of Jayanagar in Mysuru, to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife, Nalina.

The Court found him guilty and ruled that the prosecution had proved the charges under Section 302 (punishment for murder) of the Indian Penal Code.

The Court also imposed a fine of Rs. 5,000, with an additional one month of simple imprisonment in case of default.

Background of the case

Rajesh married Nalina on March 8, 2009. In 2019, while living in Ramabai Nagar, Nalina lodged a complaint at the Mysuru District Women's Police Station alleging harassment by Rajesh and his family over trivial matters.

The Police counselled the couple and advised Rajesh to treat his wife well.

Later, the couple moved to a rented house in Jayanagar, but Rajesh continued to quarrel with Nalina frequently after visiting his mother's home.

(See MAN on page 9)

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Mysuru, Saturday 13th December 2025

BABU'S BANTER

By M.V. Nagendra Babu

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

OBSTACLES TO DIVINE GRACE: *The sacred symbol 'Om' or 'Pranava' consists of three letters. These letters signify the Supreme Lord, His divine consort and the individual soul. When Rama walked into the forest with Sita and Lakshmana, the scriptures describe it as the Pranava moving on earth. Rama represents the Supreme Being, Sita symbolises the divine consort and Lakshmana embodies the jivatma.*

K.B. Devarajan Swamy explained in a discourse that "Thirumanthiram, Dvayam and Charama Slokam" constitute the three fundamental doctrines of our tradition. Thirumanthiram presents the essential principles, Dvayam focuses on their practical application and Charama Slokam provides the final instructions and procedures for following the path of divinity. In the first doctrine, it is stated that we are the subjects, indeed, the very property of God. A property cannot protect itself and must be safeguarded by its rightful owner. An apostle declares that everything ultimately depends on His will and His divine desire.

After the death of king Dasaratha, queen Kaikeyi urged her son Bharata to take the throne, but Bharata firmly refused. He further affirmed that he was a sentient being and the kingdom an insentient entity — both belonged to Rama alone. This example highlights how obstacles, known as "Virodhi Swarupa," may arise in receiving God's blessings. In Bharata's case, the obstacle was that he was away at his uncle's house when Rama's coronation was decided, leaving him absent at that crucial moment. We must pray to God to remove the obstacles within and around us so that we may fully receive His grace and blessings. — *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Student creates world's fastest toy car

Berlin: A German engineering student spent 10 months modifying a toy car and turning it into an extremely fast vehicle capable of reaching speeds of up to 92.24 mph (148 km/h).

31-year-old Marcel Paul has always been fascinated by Bobby Cars, a type of toy car that was invented to help children learn to walk but that gained a cult following among downhill racing competitors during the 1990s.

With 14 World Championships and 9 European Championships under his belt, Paul is one of the most successful riders in the history of this wacky sport, but to really cement his legacy, he decided to do something even more ambitious — create the world's fastest ride-able toy car. It took him 10 months to research, design and build the tiny speed demon, but he was able to smash through the old record of 88 mph on his first try.

Sprinklers turn hamlet into fountain

Tokyo: Kayabuki no Sato, a small hamlet in Kyoto, Japan, famous for its traditional thatched roof houses, features a concealed sprinkler system that turns the whole place into a water fountain.

Known as Miyama's Thatched Village, Kayabuki no Sato has a high percentage of thatched roof farmhouses in Japan. This makes it very popular with tourists, who love walking among the over 40 traditional thatched roof abodes and even spending the night in one of them, but also very vulnerable to fire. Local officials realised this when a fire burned down the archive centre, so apart from asking people to be vigilant all times, they decided to install special sprinkler system to cover the whole hamlet. They test it twice a year in May and December and people from all over the globe come to see the powerful sprinklers in action.

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Entrepreneurship training for Yuva Nidhi beneficiaries

Mysuru, Dec.13-The Centre for Entrepreneurship Development of Karnataka (CEDOK), Department of Entrepreneurship Development and Livelihood, Bengaluru, in association with District Industries Centres of Mysuru and Dharwad, is organising Entrepreneurship Development Training for interested persons registered under Yuva Nidhi Scheme.

During the training period, candidates will be given information about entrepreneurship motivation, financial assistance/subsidies available from banks and financial institutions to set up own business. Information will also be provided about marketing and other industrial matters.

Interested Yuvanidhi registered beneficiaries may make use of the training programme by obtaining applications before Dec.25 from the Office of Joint Director, CEDOK, Sayyaji Rao Road, CTI building, Mysuru.

For details contact Mob: 63616-11136 or 83107-38819 or 77601-45784, according to a press release.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up underground cable installation works at V.V. Mohalla Sub-Division from Dec. 15 to 19, power supply will be disrupted between 10 am and 5.30 pm in the following areas: **On Dec. 15, 17 and 19:** K.D. Road, Temple Road, surrounding areas of BMH, Jayalakshipuram and surrounding areas. **On Dec. 16 and 18:** Hunsur Main Road, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, Mini Water Tank, K.D. Road and surrounding areas. **On Dec. 16 and 19:** Paduvarahalli, Vinayakanagar, Maharani's College, Adipampa Road, Valmiki Road and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, VV Mohalla Division.

Swati Puja

Swati Puja has been organised at Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch in Jayalakshmipuram on Dec. 16. Sankalpa Homa at 9 am, Theertha-Prasada viniyoga at 1.30 pm. There is no Prakarotsava in the evening on the occasion of Dhanurmasa. Dhanurmasa puja will be held from Dec. 16 to Jan. 16 from 5.30 am to 10 am and 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm. On Dec. 30, Vaikunta Ekadashi special puja will be held, according to Temple Head Vid. K.R. Yoganarasimhan (Murali Iyengar). For details, contact Mob: 93421-88323 or 75988-32271.

Ayurvedic camp

Cauvery Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital, near Devegowda Circle, KBL Layout, Mysuru, is organising a free ayurvedic health check-up camp from Dec. 15 to 21 for children suffering from autism and neck pain. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2970619 or Mob: 97317-99317.

Ph.D awardees

R. Nagesh has been awarded Ph.D in Commerce by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for his thesis 'A Study of Marketing Analytics with Special Reference to Selected FMCG Companies in Karnataka' submitted under the guidance of Dr. R. Thimmarayappa.

K. Abhilash has been awarded Ph.D in Commerce by the UoM for his thesis 'Goods and Services Tax Implication on Selected FMCG Products: A Perceptual Study in Karnataka.' [Guide: Dr. R. Thimmarayappa]

MP flags law and order collapse in Karnataka

Raises issues of MDMA, stone-pelting and Udayagiri Police Station attack

Yaduveer

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (BCT)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has urged the Union Government to put in place a robust legal framework to restore law and order in Karnataka, which he said has deteriorated alarmingly.

Speaking during the Winter Session of Parliament on Friday, the MP flagged a series of incidents, including the seizure of MDMA (Methylenedioxymethamphetamine) in Mysuru, stone-pelting during Ganesha procession celebrations and an attack on Udayagiri Police Station.

Wadiyar said he had raised the same issues during the previous session of Parliament as well, but alleged that the State Government has failed to initiate any corrective measures despite repeated incidents.

Pointing to the discovery of a large MDMA manufacturing unit on Outer Ring Road in Mysuru, he said it was unearthed by the Police from Maharashtra, a neighbouring State. "This itself reflects the gravity of the situation. Such recurring incidents are severely impacting the local economy," he said.

Drawing attention to the worsening law and order situation in Hampi, a historic and cultural hub, Yaduveer Wadiyar said the number of foreign tourists has dropped significantly, delivering a major blow to local businesses dependent on tourism.

Urging the Union Government and the concerned Ministry to intervene, he called for policies to ensure enhanced security and better facilities for the tourism sector.

He stressed the need to provide basic infrastructure at tourist destinations and involve local communities in creating inclusive tourism facilities.

Expressing confidence, MP Yaduveer Wadiyar said he hoped the Centre would take appropriate decisions to address the situation.

Chamundeshwari villages to get 24x7 water in six months: GTD

GTD

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (SPN&BS)- In another six months, every village in the Chamundeshwari Assembly Constituency will have 24x7 access to drinking water. This was announced by Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) while participating in the inauguration of the Veerashaiva Lingayat Basava Balaga at the premises of V.K. Public School, Vijayanagar 3rd and 4th Stages, Vijayashreepura, in the city. The office-bearers of the Balaga were also felicitated on the occasion.

Devegowda claimed that he has made all efforts to bring Vijayanagar 3rd and 4th Stages, Vijayashreepura, Hinkal and surrounding areas under the ambit of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC). Several works, including UGD and stormwater drain projects, have been completed at Hinkal, he added.

"When I was trying to bring Vijayanagar 3rd and 4th Stages under the MCC, leaders from BJP, JD(S) and Congress opposed the plan. After sustained pressure involving the then MP Prathap Simha and District Minister S.T. Somashekar, the Hootagalli City Municipal Council came into existence. Now, after further pressure on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Hootagalli CMC will be merged with the MCC, which has now been upgraded into a Grade-1 MCC (Greater MCC)," he said.

He asserted that it is due to the relentless efforts of residents of the Chamundeshwari Constituency that the Grade-1 MCC has become a reality.

Meanwhile, the construction of 26 water tanks and the laying of pipelines are underway. Within six months, every village in the Constituency will receive round-the-clock drinking water, he said.

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji inaugurated the Veerashaiva Lingayat Basava Balaga. Prof. Morabada Mallikarjun, Director, Publication Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, delivered a special lecture.

Sri Basaveshwara Pattada Mutt Seer Sri Chandrashekar Swamiji, MyMUL former Director S.C. Ashok, Veerashaiva Lingayat Basava Balaga President D.M. Shivaprasad, Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha District President H.V. Basavaraju, City President M.H. Chandrashekar, retired Prof. (Dr.) K.C. Basavaraju and the Directors of the Balaga — Dr. Shyla Nagaraj, K.S. Mahalakshmi, K.S. Manjunath, H.S. Prakash, S. Shivakumar, Gangadhar V. Hattiholi, B. Karthik, Mallikarjuna Swamy, G. Ratna, Dr. H.S. Sanathkumar and S. Veeranna were present on the occasion.

Congress gets control of MCDCC Bank

Mysuru, Dec.13 (DM)- With Congress backed candidates winning all the three seats after the counting of votes that was taken up yesterday following a Court order, the party has gained control over the administration of Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Co-operative Central Bank (MCDCC Bank), having headquarters in Mysuru. With the declaration of victory of 3 Congress candidates, the party strength in the 16-member body of the Bank has gone up to 10, thus gaining a clear upper hand over the opposition BJP-JD(S) combine, with the notification for election to 3 seats still pending.

The polls to the prestigious MCDCC Bank were held on June 26. But some members of the Bank, who were denied voting rights, had moved the Court seeking a stay on the counting of votes in respect of 3 seats. Now following the Court order which gave nod for counting, the counting of votes was taken up at the Deputy Commissioner's Office here yesterday, during which former Janata Bazar President S. Chandrashekar, G.N. Manjunath, a close associate of MLA Tanveer Sait and former Hanur MLA R. Narendra, all backed by the Congress, emerged victorious. Interestingly, all the 3 candidates won by a single vote against their nearest opponent. While S. Chandrashekar (30 votes) defeated T. Ramegowda (29), G.N. Manjunath (24 votes) defeated former MCC Corporator SBM Manju (23) and R. Narendra (9 votes) won against B.S. Mallesh (8), in the closely contested polls.

The polls to 12 of the 13 out of the total 16 seats in the MCDCC Bank Governing Body were held on June 26, with one candidate Jayaram being declared elected unopposed from Yelandur seat in Chamarajanagar district.

Congress backed victorious candidates S. Chandrashekar and G.N. Manjunath celebrating victory along with their supporters after the counting of votes at the DC office yesterday.

VOICE OF THE READER

Fake accidents and laxity in security

Sir,

I refer to the many letters to *Star of Mysore* highlighting the rise in fake accidents and growing security lapses in the city.

We have a large Police establishment meant to assure the safety and security of citizens in this lovely city.

But it is disturbing to note the spate of fake accident cases and the inadequacy — or complete absence — of Police action to curb this trend of extorting money from senior citizens under the pretext of a fabricated incident or accident.

Why can't the Police use their patrol vehicles to remain constantly on the move across different localities to instil discipline and provide a sense of security?

During the COVID-19 period, there was active patrolling to enforce curfew. Decades ago, regular patrolling on city streets was common. Even posting a Policeman at key junctions would make a significant difference.

If a fake accident situation is created, the very presence and availability of a Policeman would protect senior citizens. Shouldn't we be free to run errands, shop, dine at restaurants or visit friends in the evening without fear?

I hope the Police Department will take swift and positive action so that we do not lose faith in the availability and effectiveness of Police protection.

—Arun K.R. Rao
Mysuru
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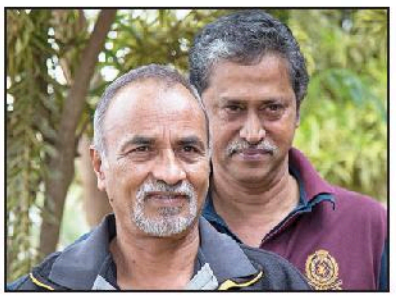
Lions District 317G to host Region Meet

Ln. Rajashekara

Ln. Krishnegowda


Krupakar and Senani

Ranganath

Mysuru, Dec. 13- Lions District 317G is hosting the Region Meet 7 under the leadership of Ln. H.C. Kanthraj on Dec.14 at Builders Association of India Auditorium in Vidyaranyapuram.

The theme of the event is 'Live and Let Live.' The event promises to bring together Lions and Leos from across the region for a day of fellowship, learning and community service.

The Region Meet will feature inspiring speeches, interactive sessions and workshops focused on specific areas — diabetes awareness, vision care, youth empowerment. District Governor Ln. K.L. Rajashekara, MJF, Ln. Dr. N. Krishnegowda, PMJF, Immediate Past Multiple Chairman and the Vice-District Governors will share their insights and experiences.

Senior Civil Judge K.K. Amarnath will be the chief guest. Noted wildlife photographers Krupakar and Senani, recipients of Green Oscar Award, will be the guest speakers.

District Kannada Rajyotsava awardee Ranganath will be felicitated at the event which also includes cultural performances and exhibitions.

Lions District 317G is part of Lions International, a global service organisation with a mission to empower communities through volunteer service with over 100 Lions Clubs and 3,200 Lion members. Region host Chairman Ln. M. Shivakumar, Ln. T.H. Venkatesh, Ln. K.D. Kariappa, Ln. R.D. Kumar, Ln. R.H. Nagraj and Ln. G.V. Balu will be present, according to Ln. Naveen Subramanyam.

Distribution of talking wrist watches to visually impaired

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (KS)- City's Vintage Music Foundation, a non-profit organisation working towards enhancing the lives of visually impaired and also those with speech and hearing disability, will be distributing talking wrist watches for free to visually impaired persons.

For details and registration, contact Foundation President Stephen Sampath Raj on Mob: 94802-58487 or Dr. Neema Hanoch on Mob: 80500-61183.

Appointed as AO

Mysuru, Dec. 13- The State Government has appointed an Administrative Officer (AO) for the city-based University of Mysore Alumni Association.

Mahadevaswamy, a Second Division Assistant serving at the Office of the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Mysuru, is the one who has been appointed as the AO for a 6-month period.

Mahadevaswamy has been tasked with handing over power to the new Governing Body of the University of Mysore Alumni Association after conducting the polls and to submit a report to the State Government in this regard.

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Preventing human-wildlife conflict

Bandipur adopts tech eye to track wildlife

Bandipur Tiger Reserve Director S. Prabhakaran shows a solar-powered CCTV camera on Bandipur-Ooty Road.

Tech-driven conflict prevention

"A Command Control Centre has been established in Bandipur, where technology is being extensively used to curb human-wildlife conflict. Live cameras, thermal drones, GSM cameras and solar-powered CCTV cameras have been installed near forest-edge villages that face frequent wildlife disturbances to provide real-time updates on animal movement.

This enables staff to respond immediately when animals stray out of the forest. The Command Control Centre also allows effective monitoring and combing operations with fewer personnel, making the entire process more efficient."

— S. Prabhakaran, Director, Bandipur Tiger Reserve

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (MTY&BCT)- Following a tragic incident in which three persons were killed and one seriously injured in tiger attacks near forest-edge villages of the Bandipur Tiger Reserve, the Forest Department has turned to advanced technology to monitor wildlife movement and prevent further human-wildlife conflict.

The attacks occurred near villages in the Hediyala and Nugu ranges of Saragur taluk, including Badagalapura, Mulluru-Bennegere, Kudagi and Heggudilu.

The incidents triggered panic among farmers and local residents, prompting authorities to suspend safaris in Bandipur and Nagarahole until the problem tiger was captured.

Technology as a solution

To strengthen surveillance, the Department has installed 20 live cameras, 10 GSM-enabled cameras and five solar-powered CCTV cameras in vulnerable forest fringe areas.

The cameras operate round-the-clock, capturing photos and videos of animals straying out of the forest and transmitting precise location data to field staff. This enables rapid response teams to act swiftly and safely drive animals back into the forest.

A Command Control Centre has been established at the Melukamanahalli Gate safari point in Gundlupet taluk. Live feeds from GSM, solar-powered and other cameras are displayed on large screens with audio and video support.

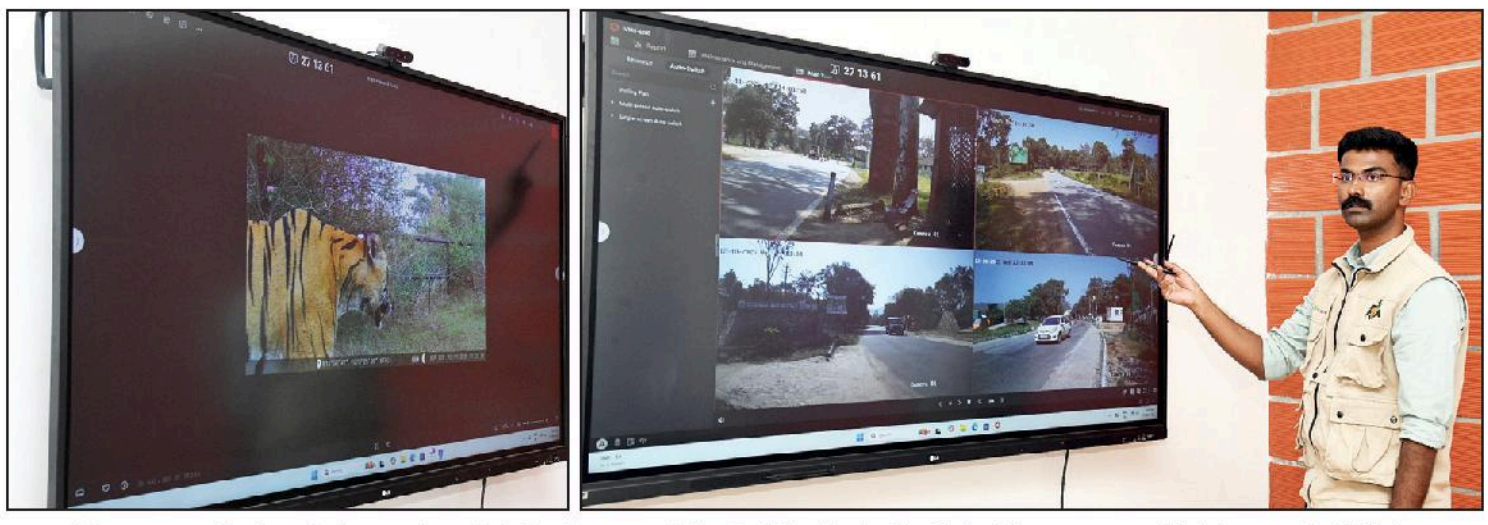
Alerts are automatically sent to nearby forest personnel whenever animals approach human habitations, allowing for immediate intervention.

Drone assistance

Thermal drones have also been deployed to track elephants straying into agricultural fields. Using remote-controlled drones equipped with flashlights and sound systems, forest staff have successfully guided elephants back into forest areas without causing harm.

All camera footage is integrated into a dedicated application that relays visuals directly to the Command Control Centre. The system also helps detect unauthorised human entry into forest areas, strengthening protection and surveillance.

Officials say the deployment of technology has proved a major boon, significantly reducing human-wildlife conflict while ensuring the safety of both villagers and animals.



Live camera footage being reviewed at the Command Control Centre in the Safari Campus near Melukamanahalli Gate.

Tiger sighting: Villagers choke Hunsur Highway

Hanagodu, Dec. 13 (VNS)- Farmers and villagers staged a 'rasta roko' near Mutturayanahosahalli in Hanagodu on Hunsur-Virajpet Highway yesterday, demanding the immediate capture of a tiger sighted in the area earlier in the day.

Protesters said the tiger had been attacking livestock in Mutturayanahosahalli, Kallahalli, Nagamangala, Hairige, Tattekere and other villages.

About six months ago, a video showing a tiger running back into the forest after spotting people at Hairige village had gone viral, heightening fears among residents.

Yesterday around 8 am, farmer Venkatesh had a narrow escape when he heard a tiger roar while heading to his fields, triggering fresh panic.

Accusing the Forest Department of failing to capture the tiger despite repeated incidents, villagers blocked the Highway by placing boulders on the road and setting a tyre on fire. Raising slogans against the Department, they demanded that forest officials visit the spot and take immediate action.

Addressing the protesters, U. Hanumanthegowda said although the tiger had been attacking livestock even during daytime, forest officials had failed to curb the menace and that combing operations were being carried out only as an eyewash. He warned that the agitation would continue until the tiger was captured.

Assistant Conservator of Forests Mahadevaiah, who rushed to the spot, said the Department was taking all necessary measures to capture the elusive tiger. He added that while the animal had been sighted earlier, it had not been seen again.

Unconvinced by the assurance, the protesters demanded deployment of additional personnel for combing operations and early capture of the tiger.

Later, Police Inspector Muniyappa, Sub-Inspector Ramu and others persuaded the protesters to withdraw the agitation, allowing traffic movement to resume on the Highway.

Kallahalli Village Panchayat President Prasanna Nayaka, former President Jagadish and others participated in the protest.

Joyalukkas announces 'Season of Gifting' year-end offer

Mysuru, Dec. 13- Joyalukkas, the world's favourite jeweller with a legacy spanning over six decades, has unveiled its much-anticipated nationwide festive campaign titled 'The Season of Gifting.'

Running across all showrooms in India from Dec. 12, 2025 to Jan. 4, 2026, this initiative reinforces the brand's deep commitment to delivering unparalleled value and an exceptional shopping experience during the peak festive and wedding season.

As part of a global network spanning 190 showrooms across 12 countries, this campaign highlights Joyalukkas's continued dedication to its customer-first philosophy and market leadership position in India's dynamic jewellery retail landscape.

Customer benefits

The 'Season of Gifting' campaign presents customers with two exceptional offers designed to maximise value and enhance the festive shopping experience throughout India. Customers can avail themselves of an additional Rs. 250 per gram on old gold exchange, providing excellent value for those looking to refresh their jewellery collection.

The campaign features a flat 25% discount on the value of diamonds and uncut diamonds, making this the perfect opportunity to acquire stunning certified pieces with significant savings.

These limited-period benefits have been carefully designed to help customers celebrate the season with extraordinary value while accessing Joyalukkas's renowned collections.

Leadership perspective

Dr. Joy Alukkas, Chairman of the Joyalukkas Group, announced the festive campaign and said, "Our Season of Gifting campaign represents our heartfelt way of appreciating the enduring trust and affection we receive from jewellery lovers across India. We understand that jewellery transcends mere purchase - it embodies emotion, celebrates relationships and symbolises cherished bonds. Through these exclusive offers, we aim to infuse more joy, value and convenience into the year-end festive season, creating memorable experiences for everyone who walks through our doors. We extend a warm invitation to all to visit our showrooms and participate in this special celebration of togetherness and giving."

The campaign extends across Joyalukkas's extensive Indian retail network, ensuring customers nationwide can access expertly curated collections crafted to global standards of excellence. Each piece in the diamond and uncut diamond collections is backed by certified authenticity and features responsibly sourced gemstones that meet stringent quality parameters.

Campaign duration

The 'Season of Gifting' festive offer remains valid from Dec. 12 to Jan. 4, exclusively across all Joyalukkas showrooms throughout India. Customers are invited to visit their nearest Joyalukkas showroom to celebrate the festive season with extraordinary value, timeless designs and the trusted service that has become synonymous with the brand's identity in the Indian market and beyond.

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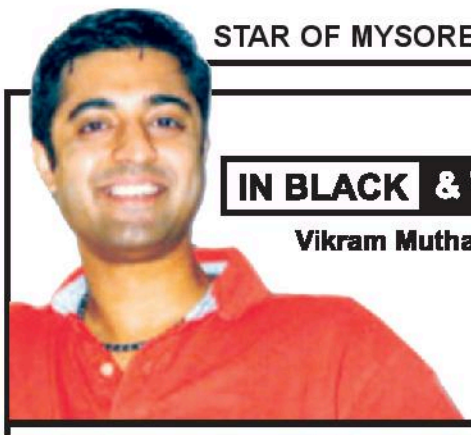

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Vikram Muthanna

Gold Watches, Rusting Governance

When Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar stepped out after their second *'unity breakfast meeting,'* the real headline wasn't the unity. It was what gleamed on their wrists — Gold watches.

NDTV identified the identical gold timepieces on the CM and Dy.CM's wrist as *Santos de Cartier,* each estimated at over Rs. 43 lakh. A golden handshake, literally. One only wishes their administration matched the gold standard of their watches. Sadly, it does not.

Instead, we have a Government in paralysis where its top two leaders are busy sporting shiny watches while shoving down *nati* chicken and making political deals. It begs the question that is now whispered loudly…

Is Karnataka becoming the Bihar of South India?

The answer is not yet, but we're getting there.

When Police postings are bought, when bureaucrats become puppets, when industries migrate to Andhra Pradesh and when corruption engulfs every aspect of a Kannadiga's life, Bengaluru is looking more and more like Patna.

Shivakumar, to his credit, is at least honest about being rich. "By birth an agriculturist, by profession a businessman, by passion a politician," he says proudly.

Siddaramaiah, by contrast, projects a humble past and socialist credentials, which makes his growing taste for opulence, like a gold watch, a contradiction ticking loudly on his wrist, of which, shockingly, he is not embarrassed about!

This is not Siddaramaiah's first tryst with luxury. Remember 2016, when H.D. Kumaraswamy accused him of wearing a Rs. 70-lakh *Hublot* watch? The CM famously quipped he'd happily sell it for Rs. 10 lakh if that price were true.

If I had been in that room, I would have bought it on the spot because I knew the watch indeed cost around Rs. 70 lakh.

Luxury watches were once the domain of Maharajas and industrial scions. I recall a visit to the late Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar at Bangalore Palace.

During our conversation about timepieces, he casually summoned his attendant, who emerged with two steel chests. Inside lay a museum of timepieces.

In the boxes were timepieces by watchmakers like *Cartier* from the 1800s, *Piaget* pendant watches, *Patek Philippe* marvels and gold *Rolexes.*

It seems that what took royalty centuries to accumulate, today's politicians acquire faster than they pass a municipal tender.

Siddaramaiah, of course, says such watches are "gifts." But one wonders, who loves Siddu enough to hand him a Rs. 70-lakh timepiece? And if he were truly a socialist as he claims to be, could he not have redirected that generosity?

He could have funded girls' education, helped distressed farmers or created scholarships for students in his own Constituency or even his own community with that watch money. Instead, he accepted it and strapped it on his wrist. No wonder, MLC Chalavadi Narayanaswamy said Siddaramaiah is a *"Majawadi and not a Samajwadi."*

This is where one remembers Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. When the late President of India left Rashtrapati Bhavan, all his belongings fit into two suitcases.

He warned that gifts in public life are dangerous because they always carry hidden intentions.

That said, Dr. Abdul Kalam did accept gifts. He accepted only one type of gift: Books.

The tragedy is that today's leaders prefer things that illuminate their wrists rather than their intellect.

Predictably, the Opposition, the BJP, pounced on the watch controversy. But the Opposition in Karnataka has mastered the art of irrelevance because…

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The BJP in Karnataka wants to make an issue of watches worth Rs. 43 lakh while remaining curiously silent on the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) scam worth Rs. 4,300 crore. Damn cowards.

Also, let us not forget their own indulgences. In 2016, while Kumaraswamy lectured Siddaramaiah on lavishness, his 26-year-old son was driving around in a Rs. 5-crore Lamborghini sports car.

When the BJP attacked Siddaramaiah for riding in a luxury car, Yediyurappa too had bought the same Rs. 1.20-crore Toyota Vellfire.

Here, it seems hypocrisy is bipartisan. Luxury is secular.

But the deeper tragedy is not the watches. It is what they reveal about us, the voters.

The voter, in spite of seeing the opulence of politicians, are still not voting them out. Their minds are ensnared by caste, cash and cynical calculations.

The result: Karnataka today has 31 crorepathi MLAs, the highest in India. Our Chief Minister, a man who has created a perception of being a socialist, is the third richest CM in the country! His Deputy is India's second-richest MLA !

One would think that a State where even a socialist CM can become a crorepathi, a State where the CM who has a record of presenting the highest number of budgets, such a State's financial health will be as shiny as the gold watches on that State's politicians' wrists. But alas, we are a debt-ridden State.

But how?! Guess when the CM and Dy.CM of a State wear watches made of gold, then such a State will turn to rust.

For now, one thing is clear. While we are governed by men who keep perfect time on their golden wrist, they will deliver nothing worth our time.

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Procession marks Hanuma Jayanti

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Amid chants of 'Jai Hanuman' and 'Jai Sri Ram,' the procession passed through major thoroughfares, including Ashoka Road, Irwin Road, New Sayyaji Rao Road, D. Devaraj Urs Road, Narayana Shastri Road and Chamaraja Double Road, before culminating at Gun House Circle.

Various folk troupes, including dollu kunita, puja kunita, gombe kunita, tamate and nagari artistes added colour to the procession. A participant dressed as Lord Venkateshwara drew special attention from onlookers.

Earlier, the grand procession was flagged off by MLAs G.T. Devegowda and K. Harishgowda, former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha and City BJP President L. Nagendra.

The City Police had made elaborate security arrangements to prevent any untoward incidents during the procession.

Police personnel were deployed at key junctions and vantage points along the route and also accompanied the procession from the starting point to its conclusion.

2-day Maagi Mela begins

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (MTY)- A two-day 'Maagi Mela' (Winter Festival) began at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry this morning, under the joint aegis of Sahaja Samrudha and Sahaja Seeds. It aims to provide protein-rich seeds/vegetables, which is required more during winter season.

Dr. Shivaprasad Huded, Vice-Principal of JSS Ayurveda Medical College, inaugurated the Mela, which will be open for public from 10 am to 8.30 pm today and tomorrow.

Freshly harvested crops such as avarekai (field bean), togari beans, fresh groundnuts, purple yam, red-husk sorghum, climbing potatoes and more are on sale.

Different varieties of avarekai like chinugalu, dabbe, kempu, mani and hittala from H.D. Kote, Periyapatna, Tumakuru, Dharwad and Bengaluru districts are on display. Shelled avarekai is also available. Along with avarekai, visitors can relish dishes such as avarekai uppittu, avarekai dosa, mudde with shelled avarekai sambar, avarekai bath and avarekai jamun.

North Karnataka delicacies like jowar roti with pulse-based side dishes can also be enjoyed.

Devadhanya Farmer Producer Company has brought millets, various pulses and traditional rice varieties such as Doddiga Kempakki and Uduro Sali for sale.

Gourd crafts

The exhibition of gourds in diverse sizes and shapes is attracting visitors. Krushikala is selling attractive Christmas dolls and a variety of artistic gourd crafts.

The Desi Seed Producer Company of Mysuru has brought winter vegetable seeds, climbing potatoes, purple yam, white kachil, as well as seeds of summer paddy and ragi for sale. There is a rush of buyers for tree pigeon pea and beetroot tubers.

The Hulikadu Farmer Producer Company from Heggadadevanakote has brought native pigeon pea, avarekai, tubers, ragi and daily-use rice varieties to the Mela.

MCC verifies 2002 and 2025 electoral rolls

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During the two-day drive, each BLO will compare the 2002 electoral rolls — prepared during the last SIR — with the 2025 electoral rolls at their respective polling booths. BLOs are required to identify additions and deletions of voters over the past 23 years.

After completing the mapping at polling booths today and tomorrow, BLOs will undertake field visits within their jurisdictions to ascertain the reasons for additions and deletions and submit a detailed report to the ECI within a fortnight, it is learnt.

For more details, voters may contact Ph: 0821-2418803 or e-mail: *elemccdc@gmail.com*

Man gets life term

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Crime in 2021

On May 3, 2021, at House No. 69, 3rd A Cross, Jayanagar, Nalina scolded her daughter Chandana for wanting to visit her grandmother's house and even kicked her.

When Rajesh questioned Nalina, she allegedly abused him in foul language. Enraged, Rajesh attacked Nalina with a machete in the presence of Chandana and Vajratej, killing her on the spot. He left the weapon at the scene.

The Ashokapuram Police Station registered the case and the then Investigating Officer B.S. Prakash filed a chargesheet under Section 302 IPC.

During the trial, presided over by Judge P.J. Somashekar, the prosecution presented evidence and witness testimonies that established Rajesh's guilt. After considering the evidence, the Court convicted Rajesh of murder and awarded him life imprisonment along with a fine.

The case was prosecuted by Fourth Additional Public Prosecutor S.T. Sudha, who examined the witnesses.

T.H. Lolakshi argued the case on behalf of the State.

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English Theatre Festival opens with play 'Two Fathers'

Veteran artiste Sreemathi Hariprasad recalls Mysuru's English theatre roots

Veteran theatre artiste Sreemathi Hariprasad, Kalpa Heritage Trust Director Dr. V.R. Anil Kumar and Mysuru English Theatre Forum Member Meenu releasing Festival poster at JCAC in city yesterday. Picture right shows Kalasuruchi team staging the play 'Two Fathers.'

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (PM&BCT)- Mysuru has a long-standing tradition of English theatre, said veteran theatre artiste Sreemathi Hariprasad. She was speaking after inaugurating the first edition of Mysuru English Theatre Festival (METF), organised by Mysuru English Theatre Forum at Jagannatha Centre for Art & Culture in Vijayanagar last evening.

The 3-day Fest, which runs till Dec. 14, was formally launched with the release of the Fest poster.

Recalling the city's rich theatre legacy, Sreemathi Hariprasad said, English theatre in Mysuru dates back to the 1940s. Although she had limited information about that early period, she was actively associated with the theatre during the 1950s, 60s, and 70s and witnessed the vibrancy of those decades.

Her own entry into theatre came through Anton Chekhov's play 'The Proposal.' When a boy who was to play the female role failed to turn up, she stepped in unexpectedly. "Had that not happened, I would have continued as a radio artiste," she recalled.

Plays across India

She also spoke about actor Sampath, a noted film personality who collaborated with British group Shakespeare International Society to stage English plays across India. Sampath's productions were known for their precise dialogue delivery and elegant costumes, which he carefully preserved at home. He was supported by P. Gururaj Rao.

Sampath gained prominence through his successful staging of European plays and Sreemathi Hariprasad herself acted in several of his productions.

Noting that English theatre did not easily reach smaller towns in the past, she said the advent of computers and Artificial Intelligence (AI) has made the language more accessible.

Indian English, with its distinct pronunciation, is easily understood by audiences. English theatre, she added, is steadily growing in major cities such as Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru and Kolkata.

Appealing to young audience

Contemporary Indian themes blended with global storytelling styles have made English theatre particularly appealing to younger audiences.

Despite challenges such as high production costs and limited performance venues, English theatre continues to thrive through festivals, independent groups, experimental platforms, digital stages, corporate sponsorships and international collaborations. "This is a unique feature of India's cultural landscape," she said.

Director of Kalpa Heritage Trust Dr. V.R. Anil Kumar, was the guest of honour at the event. Mysuru English Theatre Forum Members Shashidhar Dongre, Seemantini B. Sharma, Neema Manjrekar and Meenu were present. A play titled 'Two Fathers', written by Sundar Sarukai and directed by Badri Narayan, was staged by Kalasuruchi.

Today (Dec. 13), there will be a Poetry Reading session from 5 pm to 6 pm and WeMove Theatre will stage the play *'Who Killed Agatha?'* **(Director: Pavan Sharma) at 6.30 pm.**

Tomorrow (Dec. 14), there will be reading from international English plays from 5 pm to 6 pm and The Actors' Collective will present *'The Mahabharatha Project'* **(Director: P.I. Rajesh) at 6.30 pm.**

'Protecting theatre culture in post-truth era is a necessity'

Senior Theatre Director Prasanna Heggodu (third from right) is seen releasing the book 'Plutus - Puntila' during the inauguration of Samathentho Ranga Sambhrama at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises in city yesterday as Samathentho President Rameshwari Verma, Senior Theatre Director Srinivas G. Kappanna, Prof. H.S. Umesh, Indira Nair and others look on. Picture right shows Samathentho artistes staging the play 'Guri Muttu.'

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (VVH&VNS)- Protecting theatre culture in the 'post-truth' era has become a necessity, said Senior Theatre Director Prasanna Heggodu here yesterday.

He was speaking after inaugurating 'Samathentho Ranga Sambhrama' and releasing the book 'Plutus - Puntila' at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises on Hunsur Road in city.

"The activities of amateur theatre have reduced in the 'post-truth' era. Being a small community, the amateur theatre has given many great plays to the society. People involved in amateur theatre used to meet each other to discuss and deliberate on various issues. Today, we have a situation where it has become inevitable to protect the culture," he added.

Further, Prasanna said that at a time when tragedy plays were considered great in the western culture, comedy plays reigned supreme to stamp their authority. While there is no space for tragedy in Kannada theatre, we have been able to showcase comedy and a bit tragedy in plays that project the protagonist.

Prasanna also appreciated Samathentho for coming out with pro-societal events over the years.

Senior Theatre Director Sreenivas G. Kappanna, Samathentho President Rameshwari Verma, Prof. H.S. Umesh, Secretary Indira Nair, Rathna Vishwanath Mirle, Basavaraju, B.R. Ravish, Srinivas Niranthara, Rekha Srinivas and others were present.

The inaugural event was followed by staging of the play 'Guri Muttu' by artistes of Samathentho.

Today (Dec. 13), Kreative Theatre, Bengaluru, will be staging the play 'Gundayana' at 6.30 pm at Mini Theatre.

Horse health camp in Mysuru, Srirangapatna

Mysuru, Dec. 13- PFA Mysore, in collaboration with Worldwide Veterinary Services (WVS), Ooty, had organised a two-day horse health camp on Dec. 9 and 10 across Mysuru and Srirangapatna.

A total of 47 horses were examined and treated during the camp — 20 in Mysuru on Dec. 9 and 27 in Srirangapatna on Dec. 10. The veterinary care activities were jointly led by Dr. Amardeep Singh (PFA Mysore) and Dr. Shivani Jain (WVS Ooty).

As part of the initiative, horses received tetanus vaccinations and deworming with 1 percent oral ivermectin suspension.

The team also addressed a range of equine health concerns, including lameness, hoof corrections, tooth rasping (three dental floatings) and eye infections.

This joint effort by PFA Mysore and WVS Ooty aims to improve the health, welfare and working conditions of equines in the region. Free equine supplements were also distributed to support the animals' well-being.

Unidentified bodies found

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (KS)- Devaraja Police, on Dec. 3, have found a body of an unidentified man near K.R. Hospital Pharmacy and have registered a case.

The deceased is aged about 50 years and was found dead in the sleeping position.

Man dies at hospital

An unidentified man, aged about 65 years, who was found lying sick near Jaganmohan Palace on Dec. 6 and admitted to K.R. Hospital by the public, has breathed his last at the Hospital on Dec. 7.

The kith and kin of both the deceased persons, if any, may contact Devaraja Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418306 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

K.R. Nagar Police, on Dec. 10, have found a body of an unidentified man aged between 35 and 40 years in Chamaraja Right Bank Canal and have registered a case.

The deceased is round faced, well built, sports black beard and moustache, has the names 'Yashu' and 'Sushma' tattooed on the right side of his chest, 'Ramya' on the left side of his chest, 'Nisha Gunashekar, RR Pavan Uppi, Lakshmi, Darshan, R. Gowda' on his right arm and was wearing a brown colour jerkin, purple and black stripes T-shirt and a military type pant.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact K.R. Nagar Police on Ph: 08233-263666 or the District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418612, according to a press release.

Ivory sale foiled, four arrested

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (MTY&DM)- Cracking down on the illegal sale of elephant ivory, Forest Department officials have arrested four persons on charges of attempting to sell ivory.

The arrested have been identified as Winson of Mullur in Kollegal, Vasanth Kumar of T. Narasipur, A. Chetan Kumar of Mamballi in Yelandur taluk and A. Nithin Kumar (Balaji) of Ashokapuram in Mysuru.

Acting on a tip-off that a pair of elephant tusks was illegally stored at the residence of one of the accused, Vasanth Kumar, at Kaliyur village in T. Narasipur taluk for sale, officials of the Kollegal Wildlife Division conducted a raid and seized the ivory.

Following the seizure, Vasanth Kumar and the three other accused were arrested and produced before a Court, which remanded them to Judicial Custody.

The operation was carried out under the guidance of Chamarajanagar Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) B.S. Sripathi, Yelandur Wildlife Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) Prakashkar Akshay Ashok and Kollegal RFO B.N. Vasu. Bailur RFO A. Pramod, DFRO Jagadish Shiroor, Amarnath Sindhihatti, Govardhan, B. Anantharamu, G.M. Bhanuprakash, J.S. Raghuram and others were part of the operation.

Obituary

Indiramma

Mysuru, Dec. 13- Indiramma (75), wife of Vittal and a resident of Vidyaranyapuram 2nd Main, 5th Cross, passed away here yesterday following brief illness.

She leaves behind her husband, son Srikanth, daughter Ashwini, two brothers including Dr. V. Ranganath, one sister and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday evening, according to family sources.

T.N. Narasegowda

T.N. Narasegowda (80), a retired CAR Sub-Inspector at Mysuru and a resident of Bengaluru, passed away at Bengaluru on Friday.

He leaves behind his sons Lokesh and Ramesh and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Yelahanka in Bengaluru, according to family sources.

Sri Chamundeshwari Nagara Sarvodaya Sangha (R)

R.No.75/85, Dattagalli, Badavane, Mysore.

TO WHOM SO EVER IT MAY CONCERN

The Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court vide its Order dated 13.11.2025, has dismissed the CCC No.655 of 2023, (preferred by the members of the Sangha) c/w W.P.No.29219 of 2023(LA-UDA), (preferred by Mr.Veer Kumar Jain) W.P.No.33513 of 2024 (LA-UDA) (preferred by members of the Sangha), however in the said order the Division Bench has in iv & v paras of the orders, has expressed as below.

iv. "Despite the dismissal of the W.P.No.29219/2023, the MUDA and the State Government may take a decision independent of the Government Order dated 11.07.1997 for allotment of sites to the Members of the Sangha as per the relevant policy in this regard".

v. "We have been informed that in pursuance of the Resolution dated 21.03.2023 of the MUDA, several sale deeds have been registered in favour of some members of the Sangha and few have been left out. Is the State Government is not cancelling the sale deeds already executed in favour of some Members of the Sangha, the other Members of the Sangha are also to be given similar treatment".

The members of the Sangha preferred a Special Leave to Appeal before the Hon'ble Supreme Court which came to be disposed of by reserving liberty to the Petitioners (Members of the Sangha) herein to seek the implementation of the directions made in sub-paragraphs (iv) and (v) of the main paragraph IV Conclusion of the High Court's Order.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court has also observed that if the Petitioners (Members of the Sangha) seek implementation of those paragraphs, the same shall be done as expeditiously as possible as the said Petitioners (Members of the Sangha) have been agitating for their rights for four decades.

Hence, We are glad to inform the Members of the sangha, that our more than four decades of fight for justice before various forums has yield results and our dream of owning a dwelling site, has been successful and the Members of the sangha, who have been given allotment of sites, demand notice and are yet to make the payment and get the Sale Deeds conveyed from the MUDA may contact the Sangha's office, forthwith to discuss the future course of action.

SRI CHAMUNDESHWARI NAGARA SARVODAYA SANGHA (R)

Sri C.R. BOJARAJU
Secretary

Sri H.V.VRUSHABENDRAPPA
President

Mysore, Dated 13.12.2025

Mother-Daughters trio Rangavidhipraveshika

A historic evening of Bharatanatyam

Mysuru witnessed an extraordinary moment when *Karnataka Kalathilaka* Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, along with *Gayana Gandharva* Dr. R.S. Nandakumar, *Natyacharya* Vid. R. Kannan, Guru K. Sandesh Bhargav and guest of honour *Natyacharya* Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao, rose in standing ovation applauding the exceptional mother-daughters trio — Dr. K. Poornima (Mother), Dr. Prarthana Y. Gowda and Vandana Y. Gowda — devoted disciples of Guru Anusha Varun, saluting not only the dancer's accomplishments but the years of sadhana, sacrifice and unwavering support behind them and for their remarkable Bharatanatyam presentation.

The evening was graced by Dr. Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji and Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, at JCAC in Vijayanagar 1st Stage here.

The rare mother-daughters trio offered a moving celebration of lineage and devotion. Dr. Poornima, an Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, continues to balance her profession with her passion for Bharatanatyam, supported steadfastly by her husband, Dr. T. Yathiraju, whose encouragement strengthens their family's artistic journey. Among the many pillars behind the evening's success, Guru Anusha Varun stood out for her unwavering dedication. Her precise, soulful natuvanga held the performance like a heartbeat — steady, nurturing and full of quiet pride.

The evening's repertoire opened with Melaprapthi in Raagamalike (Sankeerna Chapu), followed by Jathiswara in Aarabhi (Adi) and Shiva Kruthi in Lathangi (Adi). The dancers then presented the expressive Padavarna - Barai Raghuvamsha Chandrane baa in Ramapriya (Adi) and the contemplative Brahmamokate in Bhowli (Trishra Adi).

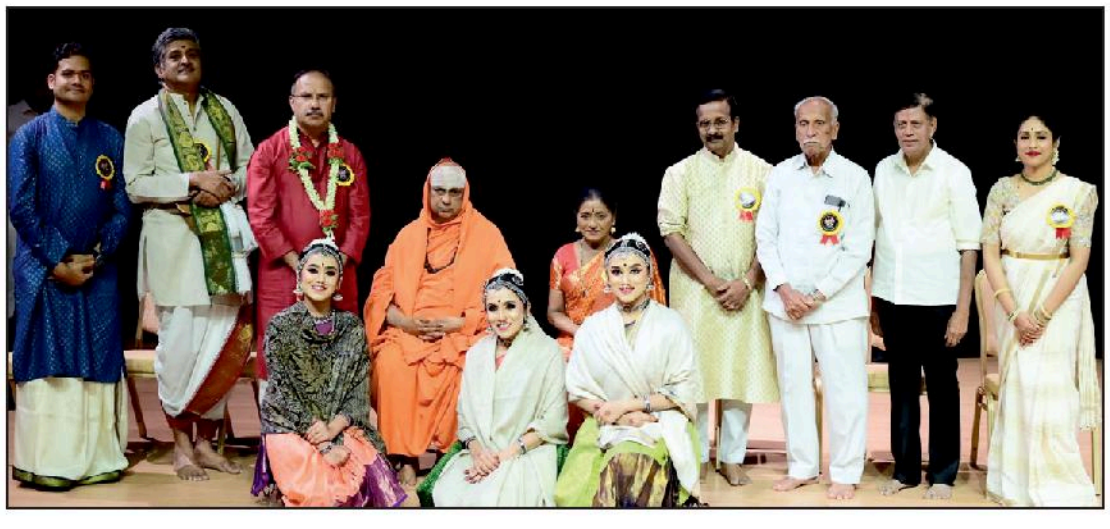
The programme continued with the beloved Krishna nee begane in Yaman Kalyani (Mishra Chapu), Bhagyada Lakshmi Baramma in Madhyamavathi (Adi) and concluded with a vibrant Jog Tillana in Khanda Jathi Triputa Tala.

The performance was beautifully supported by the ensemble: Guru Anusha Varun (natuvanga), Vidu. Kanchana S. Shriranjani (vocal), Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy (mridanga), Vid. Gopal Venkataramana (veena), Vid. Samruddh Srinivas (flute) and Vid. H.L. Anantha Krishna Swamy (rhythm pad).

The senior students of Nruthyathi Kalaashaale efficiently took charge of the event's organisation — from compering to managing the programme flow — ensuring the evening unfolded seamlessly and professionally.

The auditorium was filled to the last seat, with many more gathering outside just to catch a glimpse of the event. As the trio moved from piece to piece, the atmosphere grew charged — an electric blend of expectation, emotion and sheer artistic joy. Their synchrony, expressive clarity and heartfelt immersion held the audience in deep attention.

The evening closed as a radiant memory — an unforgettable chapter for the family, the Gurus and Mysuru's cultural community.



Nritya Vidyapeeta to celebrate 16th anniversary on Dec. 15

Mysuru, Dec. 13- Nritya Vidyapeeta, Mysuru, has organised its 16th Anniversary celebrations at Kalamandira in city on Dec. 15 at 5 pm.

As part of the celebrations, the institution will present two major productions: 'Nartana Vrikshavali - 2025' and 'Ashtavidha Nayikeyara Kathana - A Visual Poem.'

Nearly 100 students from various branches of Nritya Vidyapeeta, ranging in age from 4 to 40, will participate and showcase their skills through these performances.

Under the guidance and artistic direction of Guru Vidu. C.N. Anitha, Vidwat-level students will present 'Ashtavidha Nayikeyara Kathana' with an innovative choreographic interpretation, enriched by expressions in the Nadu Kannada dialect.

As part of the annual tradition, Nalini Kumari Devayira (Kodagu) — recipient of the Bharata Kesari Award and retired officer of the Indian Reserve Police with 21 years of service — will be honoured with the prestigious 'Bharata Kesari - 2025' award for her distinguished contribution to national service.

The programme will be inaugurated by *Natyacharya* Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao, senior dance guru and recipient of the Karnataka Rajyotsava Award-2025. Dr. M.D. Sudarshan, Assistant Director, Department of Kannada and Culture, will preside over the function.

Shobha Balakrishna, G.K. Kamala and Guru Vidu. C.N. Anitha will be the distinguished guests.

To encourage excellence, Pratibha Puraskar will be presented to 16 meritorious students who have secured outstanding results in Bharatanatyam examinations conducted by KSGH Music and Performing Arts University and brought laurels to the institution.

The artistic team for the event includes: Choreography & Direction and Nattuvanga - Guru Vidu. C. N. Anitha, Vocal - Vid. V. Suraj Lal (Kerala), Nayana Nagaraj (Mysuru), Mridanga - Vid. Kalamandalam Jithin Jaimon, Flute - Vid. Srihari Kottakkal, Rhythm Pad - Gurudath Hunsuru, Comperes - K.G. Amitha and M.K. Shobha.

'Kalashree' honour for Achievers

Mysuru, Dec. 13- The 65th International Nirantara Kalemane Utsava was held at Kumar Performing Arts Centre in city recently.

During the event, 'Kalemane Kalashree Award' was conferred upon three distinguished achievers: Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy (District President of Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat), Jyothi Shankar (Assistant Professor of Kannada and Gamaki at KSOU) and B.K. Meenakshi (retired Head Mistress and Writer).

Additionally, senior journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar, recipient of this year's Karnataka State Rajyotsava Award, was felicitated in the presence of Dr. K. Kumar, Head of Kumar Performing Arts Centre and Ranganath Mysuru.

The audience was treated to melodious Kannada songs by Vidu. Mahalakshmi and her troupe from Savigaana Sangeetha Shaale and a semi-classical music performance by Art Director Dharithri Ananda Rao and her team from Naadapushpa Sangeetha Shaale.

The stage also witnessed captivating Bharatanatyam performances by the disciples of Vid. Harish Raman (Sri Rajarajeshwari Nrityakala Mandira, Tumakuru), Samyuktha Shankar and her students (Sachidananda Arts Foundation, Bengaluru) and Apeksha Kamath, a disciple of Acharya Indira Kadambi.

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 14)

- **Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate:** Sri Hanuma Jayanti, Sri Rama Devara Pattabhisheka Mahotsava, **8 am onwards;** Bharatanatyam by Rakhi Bai Bharadkhasi and troupe, **6 pm;** Dance Feature by Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan, Champaka Academy, Mysuru, Temple premises, **6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**

- **Carmel Catholic Association (CCA):** Inauguration of 33rd Annual Carol Singing Competition, Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) Managing Director S. Suhas and Bishop Emeritus of Mysore Diocese Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Antony Vazhappilly chief guests, Provincial St. Pauls Province Mysore and CCA Patron Rev. Fr. Augustine Payampalli CMI and Kaynes Technology Executive Vice-Chairman Ramesh Kunhikannan guests of honour, CCA President Prof. Joseph Mathew presides, **8.30 am;** Valedictory and prize distribution ceremony, Star of Mysore Managing Editor Vikram Muthanna chief guest, Mysore Diocesan Educational Society (MDES) Secretary Rev. Fr. Edward William Saldanha delivers the valedictory address, JK Tyre and Industries Ltd. Vice-President (Works) V. Eswara Rao, Teresian College Principal Sr. Dr. Rohini and Infosys Chief Human Resource Officer Shaji Mathew guests of honour, Teresian College auditorium, Siddarthanagar, **6.30 pm.**

- **Lions District 317G:** Region Meet 7, Senior Civil Judge K.K. Amarnath chief guest, Green Oscar Award recipients Krupakar and Senani guest speakers, felicitation to Kannada Rajyotsava awardee Ranganath, Region 7 President Lion H.C. Kanthraj presides, Builders Association of India (BAI) Auditorium, Vidyaranyapuram, **8.30 am onwards.**

- **Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre:** 25th edition of MyBuild-25 Exhibition, Maharaja's College Grounds, **10 am to 9 pm.**

- **Parijatha Samskrutika haagu Samajika Trust:** Kannada Rajyotsava and Dakshinamurthy Homa led by Ashwath Prasad Dixit and team, **9 am;** Stage programme, social worker & Vipra leader Raghuram Vajpayee inaugurates, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev presides, Brahmana Dharma Sahaya Sabha, Kalyana Bhavana, **11 am.**

- **V.R. Trust:** Public interaction on 'Greater Mysuru or Greater Vision: What Does the City Truly Need?,' Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, Hunsur MLA G.D. Harish Gowda, University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath, former Chief Secretary to the Government of Karnataka A. Ravindra, actor and social activist Prakash Belawadi, Economist Prof. (retd.) K.C. Basavaraj and N. Ranga Rao & Sons Director Kiran Ranga distinguished speakers; welcome address by Dr. Anthony Paulraj of Chayadevi College of Education, Mysuru, introductory remarks by Dr. Shushrutha Gowda, Director of Neurozone, V.R. Trust and Gopala Gowda Hospital, Mysuru, moderated by journalist Shyam Sundar Vattam, Rani Bahadur Auditorium, Manasagangothri, **10 am to 12 noon.**

- **Naval Veterans Association, Karnataka, Mysuru Revenue Division:** Navy Day celebrations, Hotel Shellmark, Belavadi, **10 am.**

- **Sahaja Samrudha and Sahaja Seeds:** *Maagi Sambhrama* (Winter Seed Festival), expo of varieties of avarekai, togari, groundnuts, sweet potatoes, pumpkin flowers, millets, organic products, natural cosmetics, bamboo products, traditional toys and desi rice varieties, Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry, **10 am to 8.30 pm.**

- **Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad, Karnataka, Mysuru District Committee and Women's Wing, Mysuru:** Women's and Children's Convention, Dr. V. Ranganath of Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad presides, Industrialist Savitha Ranga, retd. District & Sessions Judge (retd.) & writer R. Sharada and Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishad District Committee President S. Subramanya chief guests, Vijaya Vittala PU College, Saraswathipuram, **10.30 am.**

- **Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA):** Press Day-2025, felicitation to senior journalists and MDJA Annual Award Presentation, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar inaugurates, MDJA President K. Deepak presides, MLA G.T. Devegowda felicitates senior journalists, CM's Media Advisor K.V. Prabhakar presents awards, Journalist A. Hariprasad main speaker, MLAs Anil Chikkamadu ad K. Harishgowda, KUWJ President Shivananda Tagadur and D. Srihari of GSSS chief guests; Awardees are V. Mahesh Kumar (Chief Editor of Just Kannada, Mysuru) - Senior Journalist Award (City); T.A. Sadiq Pasha (Andolana, Talkad) - Senior Journalist (Rural) award; K.S. Manjunath Swamy (Vijaya Karnataka) - Senior Sub-Editor Award, S. Udayshankar (The New Indian Express) - Senior Photographer Award; C.M. Madhusudhan (Suvarna News 24×7) - Senior Reporter (Electronic Media) and Pramod Prabhu (TV9) - Senior Cameraman (Electronic Media) Awards; D.R. Mahesh (Andolana) - Best Report (Kannada), A. Ganesh (Star of Mysore) - Best Report (English) and S.R. Madhusudhan (The Times of India) - Best Photographer Award; Electronic media awardees are K.S. Anand (reporter) and P. Rahul (cameraman) of News 18 and Chandan Balaram (reporter) and M. Satish (cameraman) of Indian TV, Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **11 am.**

- **Kalasourabha:** Violin Solo by Vedajna Narasimha, accompanied by Vid. Vinod Shyam Anoor on mridanga and Skanda Manjunath on ghata, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **4 pm to 5.30 pm.**

- **Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP):** Monthly Meeting, NR Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Mathew Thomas chief guest, No. 6/1, Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri, **4 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2515150]

- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Cultural programmes - Classical folk dance by Tanmayi and team, **4.30 pm;** Musical nite by Bengaluru's Retro team, P. Kalingarao Gaana Mantapa, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **6 pm to 10 pm.**

- **Samathentho, Mysuru:** Samathentho Ranga Sambhrama, staging of play 'Duddina Devaru' by Samathentho, Kannada translation of Greek play 'Plutus' by Aristophanes, Kiru Rangamandira (Mini Theatre), Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

- **Mysore English Theatre Forum (METF):** First edition of 'Mysuru English Theatre Festival', Readings from International English Plays, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Staging of play 'The Mahabharatha Project' by The Actors' Collective, conceptualised and directed by P.I. Rajesh, Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6.30 pm.**

- **PGL Samsmarana Vedike, Mysuru:** 19th year music programme in memory of Ganakalabhushana Vid. P.G. Lakshminarayana (PGL), nadaswara recital by Vid. Sridhar Melukote, accompanied by Vidu. Prithvi Bhaskar on violin, Vid. M.L. Vadiraj on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

- **Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru:** Energy Conservation Day and talk on 'Clean & Green Technologies for Sustainable Mysuru Vision 2040' by Shamsundar Subbarao, Head, NIE-CREST and Associate Professor in DME, NIE Mysuru; H.S. Suresh Babu, Chairman, IEI Mysuru, presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, IEI premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja with meaning, symbolism, significance, advantages and methodology by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Sankashtahara Ganapati Temple, BEML Nagar, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm;** Mysuru Yogalaya, D.S. Mansion, #1, 13th Block, SBM Layout, Vivekanandanagar, **7.30 pm to 8.15 pm.**

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'Rotary Rhythm' Annual Day

Mysuru, Dec. 13- Rotary Mysore English Medium School, Dattagalli, Mysuru, will be holding its 10th Annual Day celebration 2025-26 — 'Rotary Rhythm' — at Kalamandira in city on Dec. 16 at 4 pm.

C.V. Gopinath, former Additional Secretary to the Government of India, will be the chief guest. Rtn. S. Ravishankar, President, Rotary Mysore, will be the guest of honour.

Rtn. Gp. Capt. K.S. Chandrashekhar, Chairman of the School, will preside over the event.

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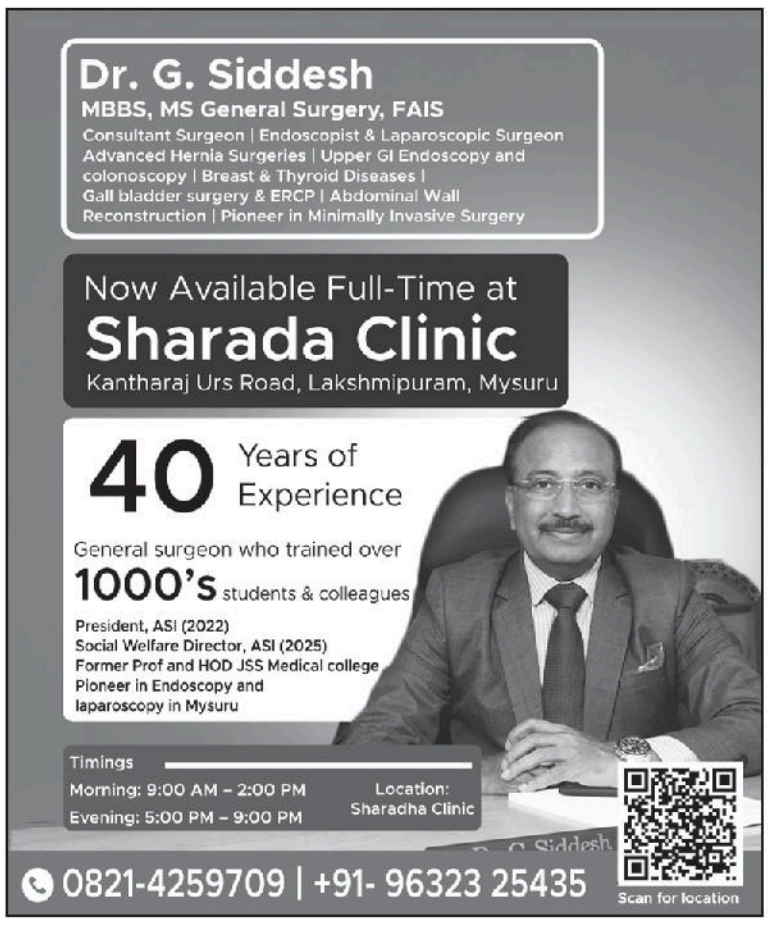
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Railway Pensioners' Welfare Association to celebrate Pensioners' Day on Dec. 17

Mysuru, Dec. 13- Railway Pensioners' Welfare Association will be celebrating Pensioners' Day at SC/ST Association, Meeting Hall, Seshadri Iyer Road, on Dec. 17 at 10.30 am.

Mudit Mittal, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), will be the chief guest. Vishnu Gouda, Sr. Divisional Personnel Officer and R.C. Harsha Vardhan, Sr. Divisional Financial Manager, will be the guests. On the occasion, floral tributes will be offered to late D.S. Nakara.

Parthasarathy, President, Railway Pensioners' Welfare Association, will preside over the function. G.S. Swaminathan, General Secretary, Railway Pensioners' Welfare Association, will be present. For details, contact Mob: 91130-68327 or 94493-22657.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Leviathan

Pronunciation: luh-VYE-uh-thun (noun)
Meaning: Leviathan is a word with literary flair that can refer broadly to something very large and powerful, or more narrowly to a large sea animal, or a totalitarian state having a vast bureaucracy.
Origin: Old Testament references to a huge sea monster, Leviathan (in Hebrew, Liwyāthān), are thought to have been inspired by an ancient myth in which the god Baal slays a multiheaded sea monster. Leviathan appears in the Book of Psalms as a sea serpent that is killed by God and then given as food to creatures in the wilderness, and it is mentioned in the Book of Job as well. After making a splash in English in the 1300s, the word Leviathan began to be used, capitalised and uncapitalised, for enormous sea creatures both imagined and real—including as a synonym of whale over 100 times in Herman Melville's Moby-Dick, as in "ere the Pequod's weedy hull rolls side by side with the barnacled hulls of the leviathan." Today, leviathan can be used for anything large and powerful, from ships to corporations.
Example: "These are dim days for the leviathan merchants. The smart whaling families have diversified and will hang onto their wealth for years to come. ... The less smart, those convulsed by the strange desire to continue doing what had always been done, who consider it a divinely issued directive to rid the waves of great fish, now face a problem: the Atlantic whale that built their houses and ships has seemingly wised up ..." — Ethan Rutherford, North Sun, or The Voyage of the Whaleship Esther: A Novel, 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Baft

Cheap coarse cotton fabric.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Add fuel to the fire

Meaning: The phrase 'Add fuel to the fire' means when you do or say something that makes a miserable situation even worse. 'Adding fuel to the fire' means to make a situation or conflict intensify, especially via provocative comments.
Origin: The direct opposite of "Add fuel to the fire" is "Douse the flames." This is said when one tries to extinguish or calm down a situation.
Example: "I had plenty to say about the situation, but I was afraid I would add fuel to the fire. So I kept my mouth shut."

QUOTE BOX

Not knowing anything is the sweetest life. — **Sophocles**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer :First aid.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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2	6	5	1	9	3	4	7	8
4	1	9	8	2	7	3	5	6
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Persian monarch
5 May in France
8 IIM grads.
12 Part of shoe or sock below foot?
13 Have possession of
14 "Seer" anagram for language of Irish origin?
15 Major work of a versifier - Iliad for one? (4,4)
17 Be aware of sound
18 Large vase
19 Recorded (2,4)
21 Foyer
24 Lieu
25 Between two ports
26 Enhance the appearance of
27 Lightning Sensor Sys.
30 Vidhan sabha member, in short
31 "Silas Marner" author
32 BSE deal
33 Cooking vessel
34 __ of Kutch: desert in Gujarat?
35 Rebuff
36 Cake topping
38 Series of balls in cricket
39 A friend __ ____ is a friend indeed? (2,4)
41 "No" or "not" in Scotland?
42 Indian music form
43 Shoulder ornaments
48 The burden of proof?
49 __ out of : exhausted?
50 Group of three
51 The back of the neck
52 Sellout sign: abbr.
53 Freudian terms

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	B	B	E	■	F	O	N	T	■	A	N	D
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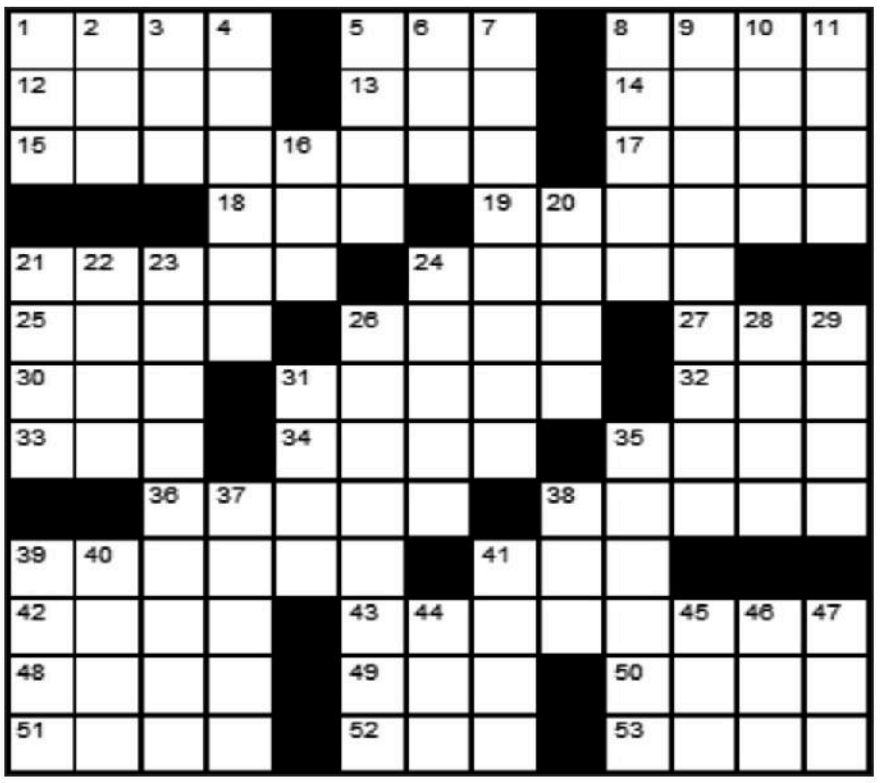
V	A	N	■	Y	E	L	L	■	L	Y	E	S

DOWN

1 U-turn from NNW
2 Spring on one foot
3 Arabian Night's hero ___ Baba
4 Priam's wife
5 Heavenly body
6 Hold in ___ : admire or revere?
7 On the move ? (2,6)
8 Conductor Zubin ___
9 Yardstick of poverty
10 Letters of urgency
11 Old and withered for the poet
16 Snoop about
20 With charges paid
21 An electric light bulb
22 Norway's capital
23 Battering or hammering? (7,2)
24 Taking to court
26 Maligns
28 Goad a horse
29 Cries convulsively?
31 Huron's neighbour
35 Gracefully slim
37 Stop
38 Org. of African Unity
39 Common metal
40 Zola title
41 Billionth as a prefix
44 Standard score
45 Unit of energy
46 Uncle in Spain
47 Save our souls... in short



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

QISYKYBCM KW PMIMDF YEM WMOIMY

ETRM TH HBIYEMI HSLTIW.

TODAY'S CLUE: Y EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The defining function of the artist is to cherish consciousness.

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  Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2 (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Padmagandhi (K)	(S-1)	9.30 am
Akhanda 2 (Te)	(S-1)	12.10 pm
	(S-2)	10.25 pm
	(S-3)	3.40 pm
Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2 (H)	(S-1)	3.30 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	(S-1)	6.25 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-2)	12.50 pm
The Devil (K)	(S-2)	9.30 am, 7.10 pm
	(S-3)	10.05 pm
	(S-4)	9.20 am, 12.35 pm, 3.55 pm
		7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Zootopia 2 (E-3D)	(S-2)	4.50 pm
Padayappa (Ta)	(S-3)	12 noon
Vishwaroopini Shree Vasavi (K)	(S-3)	6.55 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

The Devil (K)	:	9.25 am, 11 am, 12.30 pm
		3.40 pm, 4.45 pm, 6.50 pm, 7.45 pm
		9.15 pm, 10 pm
Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	12.45 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	12.50 pm, 3.50 pm, 7.45 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

The Devil (K)	:	8.30 am, 8.55 am, 10.20 am
		11.55 am, 12.10 pm, 1.45 pm
		3.20 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.45 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te)	:	8.50 am, 12.20 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9 am, 9.30 am, 1.45 pm, 5.30 pm
		6 pm, 9.45 pm, 10.15 pm
Sholay: The Final Cut (H)	:	1.15 pm
Zootopia 2 (E-3D)	:	5.10 pm
Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2 (H)	:	7.35 pm
Tere Ishk Mein (H)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

The Devil (K)	:	8.05 am, 8.40 am, 11.30 am
		12.05 pm, 2.55 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.20 pm, 6.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te)	:	8.50 am, 12.10 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.45 am, 2 pm, 6.15 pm
		9.45 pm, 10.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 13)

- **Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre:** 25th edition of MyBuild-25 Exhibition, Maharaja's College Grounds, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sahaja Samrudha and Sahaja Seeds:** *Maagi Sambhrama* (Winter Seed Festival), expo of varieties of avarekai, togari, groundnuts, sweet potatoes, pumpkin flowers, millets, organic products, natural cosmetics, bamboo products, traditional toys and desi rice varieties, Nanjaraja Bahaddur Choultry, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Cultural programmes - Classical folk dance by Tanmayi and team, **4.30 pm;** Musical nite by Saptaswara Orchestra, P. Kalingarao Gaana Mantapa, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **6 pm to 10 pm.**
- **Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate:** Sri Hanuma Jayanti Mahotsava, procession of Sri Sita Rama, Lakshmana and Hanuman idols with Nadaswara and Bharath Band, **4.30 pm;** Bhajans by Gayathri Mahila Samaja, **5.30 pm to 7 pm;** Devotional music by Sumanth Vashishta & Troupe, Temple premises, **7 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **'Inked in the Hills':** Poetry dialogue between Kodava poet Dr. Ravin Chengappa and Kodava Author Subbaiah Nuchimanyanda Muthanna, The Green Hotel, Chittaranjan Palace, Hunsur Road, **4.30 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi and Kutuhali-Kannada:** 'Kathe Kelona Banni-910,' story-telling by Jeenahalli Siddalingappa, retd. Gazetted Assistant, Department of Education, Mysuru, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm;** Science Sanje, Dr. Vinayakaprasanna N. Hegde, Asst. Professor, Department of Physics, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, delivers talk on 'Nanoworld - Tiny Particles, Big Possibilities,' Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Yadava (Gollara) Sangha, Mysuru:** Gita Jayanti Mahotsava at Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple, Mass Bhagavad Gita and Vishnu Sahasranama Pathana Programme, **5 pm onwards;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, Yadava (Gollara) Samudaya Bhavana, No. 315, Dewan's Road, **8 pm.**
- **Mysore English Theatre Forum (METF):** First edition of 'Mysuru English Theatre Festival,' Poetry Reading, **5 pm to 6 pm;** Staging of play *'Who Killed Agatha?'* by WeMove Theatre, story by Rangaraj Bhatracharya and Pavan Sharma, stage adaptation by Aditya Naik and direction by Pavan Sharma, Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6.30 pm.**
- **Kannada Sangha, State Bank of India (SBI), Mysuru:** Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations and Sangha Anniversary celebrations, retd. DGM of SBI K. Raghu Shetty presides; Staging of play 'Daphedar Deranna,' written by M.S. Narasimhamurthy, directed by S. Dheerendra, performers - S. Dheerendra, Rangarajan, Gururaja Shastry and Sathish Tunga; Staging of play 'Hushar... Sikki Biltira,' written and directed by Rangarajan, performers - Sathish Tunga, Usha Tunga, Rangarajan, Geetha Prabhakar and Gururaja Shastry, Rotary West Auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **5.45 pm.**
- **PGL Samsmarana Vedike, Mysuru:** Two-day 19th year music programme in memory of Ganakalabhushana Vid. P.G. Lakshminarayana (PGL), felicitation to renowned musician Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar and art patron C.R. Himamshu; Karnatak music vocal duet concert by Vidu. Sukanya Prabhakar and Dr. Sumana Vedant accompanied by Vidu. Adithi Krishna Prakash on violin, Vid. G.S. Ramanujan on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Samathentho, Mysuru:** Samathentho Ranga Sambhrama, staging of comedy play 'Gundayana' by Kreative Troupe, Bengaluru, directed by Joseph John [10 different roles will be enacted by two actors — Lakshmi Chandrashekar and Sundar], Kiru Rangamandira (Mini Theatre), Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Ranga Sampada, Mysuru:** Staging of Kannada play *'Sharmiste'* — one-woman play featuring renowned actress **Umashree**, written by Belur Raghunandan and directed by former Rangayana Director Chidambara Rao Jambe, presented by Ranga Sampada Theatre Group, Bengaluru, Natana Rangashaale, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja with meaning, symbolism, significance, advantages and methodology by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Sankashtahara Ganapati Temple, BEML Nagar, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm;** Mysuru Yogalaya, D.S. Mansion, #1, 13th Block, SBM Layout, Vivekanandanagar, **7.30 pm to 8.15 pm**.
- **Natyalekha Rangasamooha, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Jigolo' by Black Curtain Theatre, Uttara Kannada, directed by AKR, Sriranga auditorium, Rangayana premises, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

[See EVENTS TOMORROW (Dec. 14) on Page- 13]

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

The Devil (K)	:	7.50 am, 8.50 am, 11.15 am
		12.15 pm, 2.40 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.05 pm, 7.05 pm
		9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te)	:	8.50 am, 12.10 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (K)	:	3.30 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.50 am, 2 pm
		6.10 pm, 10.20 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

The Devil (K)	:	7.40 am, 8.40 am, 11.05 am
		12.05 pm, 2.30 pm, 3.30 pm
		5.55 pm, 6.55 pm
		9.20 pm, 10.20 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te)	:	9.05 am, 3.30 pm
		6.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10 am, 2.10 pm
		6.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Peotu (K)	:	12.25 pm

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ACP at MGP meeting

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